

## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEARINGS OFFICE**

### **Minutes of Meeting**

**June 13, 2011**

**9:00 a.m.**

The June 13, 2011 meeting was called to order by Chair Andrea McNamara Doyle in the Boards' office in Tumwater, Washington. Present were Chair Andrea McNamara Doyle, Board Members Bill Lynch and Kathy Mix and Administrative Appeals Judges Kay Brown and Phyllis Macleod, Administrative Manager Robyn Bryant, Hearings Coordinator Debbie Joblonski, and Administrative Secretary Janet Buechler. Minutes of the May 12, 2011 meetings were read and approved.

Handouts were distributed and discussed. The reports included the number and type of pollution and shoreline appeals filed, a brief summary of all cases that have closed, and the Case Statistics Report.

### **Appellate Report**

Janet Buechler reported two Superior Court Appeals have been filed for Pollution Control cases *Copper Development, et al. v. Ecology* and *PT Airwatchers, et al. v. Ecology, et al.*; and one Shorelines Hearings Board case, *Fairweather Boat Basin v. Washington DOT, et al.* Other ongoing higher court appeals were also discussed.

### **Financial Update**

Robyn Bryant reported on the status of the budget for the current biennium. Andrea McNamara Doyle discussed the budget for the next biennium. The Board has instituted several cuts, including furlough days for all employees beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **ELUHO Transition**

Kathy Mix called for a vote on the updated policies which will cover the new agency, Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office. Sixteen policies have now been adopted by both the Environmental Hearings Office and the Growth Management Hearings Board. Some specific issues are still being worked on.

Kathy Mix reported on the progress of the transition team. A tentative meeting date for all employees and board members of the new agency is set for August.

Robyn reported on the progress of the transition to General Administration's IT services and the changes which are being made to web addresses and e-mail addresses to take effect at the time of the consolidation.

### **Election of PCHB/SHB Chair**

As outgoing chair of the Pollution Control Hearings Board and Shorelines Hearings Board, Andrea introduced Kathy Mix as the new chair. Kathy's term will begin on July 1, 2011 and run through June 30, 2013 and will run concurrently with her title as Director of the Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office.

Kathy expressed her thanks and that of the entire office for the hard work Andrea had done over the last two years as Chair.

### **Miscellaneous**

Robyn reported that the proposed updates to the building security system are going forward and will be implemented shortly.

A proposed calendar of furlough days for the staff was discussed and will be reviewed by the Board at a later date.

Meeting adjourned.

Janet Buechler  
Administrative Secretary